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May 19, 2010

The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton  
Secretary of State  
U.S. State Department  
2201 C St., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Secretary Clinton,

President Felipe Calderon of Mexico is coming this week to Washington, D.C., for a state visit. I look forward to his address before a joint session of Congress and this opportunity to foster improved relations between our two countries. I am especially interested in President Calderon's campaign against the drug cartels in Mexico. However, in their advocacy efforts on behalf of Mexican citizens living in the United States, President Calderon and other officials of the Mexican government have crossed the line and are interfering in the internal affairs of the United States.

It is well recognized in international law that immigration controls are an internal matter, and not subject to international scrutiny. Yet, President Calderon has opposed the recently enacted Arizona immigration law, which in fact mirrors federal law. Mexican government officials openly talk of a Mexican government boycott of Arizona, but make no effort to prevent their citizens from going there.

These latest actions are part of a long history of interference in sovereign American affairs. In 2005, then Mexican Foreign Relations Secretary Luis Ernesto Derbez publicly campaigned against H.R. 4437, the omnibus immigration enforcement legislation that the House of Representatives was considering. He also threatened action at the International Court of Justice to prevent completion of a border fence near San Diego, which has reduced illegal immigration by 95%.

Mexican consular officials are involved in an ongoing lobbying campaign to convince local governments and police departments to accept as valid identification the matricula consular card that Mexican consulates across the U.S. distribute to Mexican citizens illegally residing here. A number of years ago, it even went so far as to publish a guide assisting

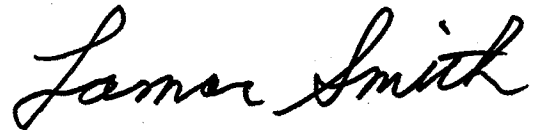
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illegal immigrants in crossing the border and avoiding government detention and apprehension once in the U.S.

President Calderon stated in a speech in Monterrey, Mexico, that "for my government, Mexico does not end at the border." Article 33 of the Mexican Constitution states that "[f]oreigners may not in any way participate in the political affairs of the country." It would be nice if Mexican officials practiced what their Constitution preaches.

American public officials have the right and the responsibility to implement an immigration policy that is in the best interests of the American people. We should be able to do so without interference from officials of the Mexican government. I urge you to transmit this request to our Mexican friends.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lamar Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lamar Smith  
Ranking Member

cc: The Hon. John Conyers, Jr.